

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - FEBRUARY, 1961

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1960

Males - 379,751 Females - 360,494 Persons - 740,245

Metropolitan at 31.12.1960

Persons - 400,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JANUARY				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1961		1960		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	579	9.21	527	8.56	5,323	7.28	5,387	7.49
Births	1,424	22.65	1,351	21.95	16,926	23.16	17,111	23.80
Deaths	482	7.67	430	6.99	5,697	7.79	5,497	7.65
Infant Mortality (b)	25	17.56	37	27.39	366	21.61	345	20.16

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February, 1961, totalled 67,020 acres, a decrease of 54,386 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 229,038 acres, an increase of 195,611 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1960.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,056,704	4,935,547	41,109,890	38,433,023
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 16. 5	6. 15. 9	55. 17. 1	53. 3. 0
Expenditure	5,205,637	5,204,382	46,265,140	42,738,654
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 0. 6	7. 3. 2	62. 17. 3	59. 2. 1

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of February, 1961 amounted to £79,882,802 or £107-13-2 per head of population as against £76,093,264 or £104-13-2 per head at the end of February, 1960.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 22nd February, 1961, amounted to £22,660,012 compared with £22,047,689 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No. 1,656	£. 1,687	15,518	14,159
	£. 3,239,154	3,674,639	27,456,500	23,815,158
Mortgages	No. 1,192	£. 1,276	10,422	10,490
	£. 2,702,356	2,634,936	23,489,533	22,121,841
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,002	£. 1,068	8,128	8,231

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
February, 1961	£. 4,092,664	£. 3,128,960	£. 13,021,122	£. 635,412
February, 1960	£. 4,549,890	£. 2,903,192	£. 10,811,648	£. 674,870
Eight Months ended February, 1961	£. 40,255,204	£. 32,396,205	£. 100,874,774	£. 6,525,857
Eight Months ended February, 1960	£. 35,168,618	£. 26,670,416	£. 88,791,077	£. 5,692,928

COMPANIES REGISTERED

279 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £18,362,000 and 111 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1961. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 212 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,160,800 and 100 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	79	201,689	68,295	83	161,805	41,779
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	48	179,041	126,000	52	164,634	200,112

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for General and Passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings £.	1,253,000	1,148,700	9,143,950	8,380,100
Operating Expenses £.	1,217,253	1,221,272	9,063,153	8,869,030
Train Miles Run No.	581,086	626,908	4,466,655	4,625,547
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(a) 115,855	(b) 92,192	(c) 771,140	(d) 671,081
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No.	934,897	1,043,623	7,386,564
Motor Bus	No.	22,693	23,053	159,619
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods		336,605	374,772	2,480,721
Livestock		8,301	11,800	95,836
Departmental (Free Freight)		50,431	45,787	304,979
Total:		395,337	432,359	2,881,536
				2,843,918
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods		49,544,099	51,833,576	383,620,215
Livestock		1,010,797	1,404,031	13,457,241
Departmental (Free Freight)		3,318,671	3,685,142	31,125,158
Total:		53,873,567	56,922,749	428,202,614
				418,291,002

(a) Four weeks ended 31st December.
 (b) Four weeks ended 2nd January.
 (c) Period 1st July to 31st December.
 (d) Period 1st July to 2nd January.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1960 -</u>										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114
May	635	158	212	1	76	970	268	474	3	102
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
<u>1961 -</u>										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961 -</u>								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Oversea	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interstate	4,908	3,560	32,370	25,922	17,512	11,238	101,773	64,843
	8,665	11,539	66,769	70,548	4,799	1,774	23,766	18,762
Total:	13,573	15,099	99,139	96,470	22,311	13,012	125,539	83,605

BUILDING ACTIVITY(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
<u>1960 -</u>										
March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394
June Qr.	298	844	1,377	4,107	47	291	181	2,843	1,903	8,085
Sept. Qr.	201	547	1,384	4,259	34	1,156	203	2,835	1,822	8,797
Dec. Qr.	314	873	1,514	5,121	46	454	266	4,169	2,140	10,617

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total		
		No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
		£'000	£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000	
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
<u>1960 -</u>										
March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993
June Qr.	1,168	3,711	5	18	411	1,010	1	1	1,585	4,740
Sept. Qr.	1,167	3,730	7	21	365	943	1	1	1,540	4,695
Dec. Qr.	1,279	4,427	2	5	417	1,086	2	4	1,700	5,522

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	JANUARY			Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		
	1961	1960	1960	1959		
Quantity						
Value (Aust. Currency)	Fine oz.	68,436	62,163	869,967	860,969	
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	1,069,318	971,289	13,593,227	13,452,643	
		16,800	37,800	2,131,784	2,093,984	

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA
(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group					Com- bined Index
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1958	114.4	104.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1959 - December	115.7	107.7	132.6	107.0	120.4	115.7
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8

Note: For current Statistical purposes the Consumer Index supersedes the "C" Series Retail Price Index formerly shown in this publication.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960 (cont.):</u>			
February	140.0	46.7	186.7	February	141.5	48.4	189.9
March	140.6	47.1	187.7	March	141.4	48.8	190.2
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7
May	140.2	47.3	187.5	May	141.1	49.3	190.4
June	140.0	47.0	187.0	June	141.7	49.1	190.8
July	140.1	47.0	187.1	July	141.9	49.2	191.1
August	139.9	46.9	186.8	August	142.7	49.7	192.4
September	140.7	47.3	188.0	September	143.1	50.1	193.2
October	141.0	47.6	188.6	October	143.2	50.3	193.5
November	141.1	48.2	189.3	November	143.7	50.5	194.2
December	140.8	48.2	189.0	December	143.5	51.0	194.5
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961:</u>			
January	140.8	47.3	188.1	January	142.7	50.0	192.7

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
31/1/61	14.	16.	7	11.	2.	5	14.	15.	0
							11.	1.	3
							14.	9.	5
								10.	17.
									1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
January, 1961	11,620	1,401	128,153	45,536	16,092
January, 1960	15,783	2,380	180,135	61,047	11,554
7 Months ended January, 1961	109,565	10,968	1,052,554	712,214	117,138
7 Months ended January, 1960	131,647	16,390	1,098,262	591,527	104,054

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
January, 1961	2,327	56	2,472	655	881
January, 1960	3,058	100	3,207	870	632
7 Months ended January, 1961	23,491	461	20,269	10,256	6,426
7 Months ended January, 1960	27,237	674	19,889	8,197	5,525

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,179	9,558	2,599	3,714	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
January, 1960	525	713	208	283	733	996	8	18	273	376
January, 1961	290	431	188	270	478	701	6	10	259	387

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where damage was estimated to be £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960												1961														
		Feb.		Mar.		Apr.		May		June		July		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Jan.				
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.			
FRUIT																												
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	12.	8	14.	0	14.	1	10.	6	10.	5	9.	7	8.	4	9.	5	11.	7	13.	1	16.	6	18.	6	21.	5	
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	34.	6	24.	1	20.	7	20.	2	20.	6	25.	6	27.	9	28.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Val.	bush.	38.	9	34.	4	33.	6	-	-	-	-	18.	8	21.	6	21.	1	20.	8	20.	1	24.	9	26.	5	26.	5	
Bananas - Local	lb.	10	11	10	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	-	15.	10	15.	7	18.	2	22.	9	27.	7	31.	3	33.	1	34.	4	36.	10	25.	11	-	-	-	-		
- Other	bush.	24.	11	22.	4	24.	10	24.	9	27.	9	40.	3	57.	4	52.	4	54.	8	49.	3	34.	1	19.	1	21.	1	
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	26.	8	23.	3	22.	6	18.	0	22.	4	25.	5	29.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.	6	18.	9	
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.	9	17.	0	25.	4	-	-	
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29.	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.	4	22.	10	
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	36.	3	29.	8	31.	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.	9	22.	10	
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28.	9	26.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.	2	12.	2	
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29.	0	27.	4	26.	7	28.	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.	10	14.	8	
VEGETABLES																												
Cabbage	crate (a)	4.	7	5.	5	10.	4	18.	5	16.	8	6.	11	4.	9	5.	3	5.	10	8.	3	5.	11	6.	5	9.	10	
Cauliflowers	dozen	15.	7	19.	1	12.	11	19.	10	15.	4	12.	0	16.	11	19.	11	13.	8	16.	9	15.	6	-	24.	6	24.	6
Lettuce	crate	9.	4	8.	3	8.	3	7.	3	6.	10	9.	5	16.	10	12.	3	8.	11	14.	10	10.	5	15.	3	21.	7	
Table Celery	doz. head	10.	2	10.	9	9.	5	7.	1	5.	11	5.	10	6.	7	9.	2	10.	1	14.	1	11.	10	9.	11	10.	1	
Beetroot	cwt.	31.	5	27.	2	34.	2	42.	11	54.	7	62.	5	78.	8	81.	7	96.	2	61.	10	65.	11	74.	2	92.	8	
Carrots	cwt.	19.	0	18.	6	17.	11	18.	8	17.	9	21.	2	21.	10	19.	10	26.	1	23.	3	19.	11	21.	10	29.	6	
Parsnips	cwt.	35.	5	37.	0	32.	7	27.	11	26.	2	37.	8	35.	5	51.	8	46.	9	48.	1	44.	2	52.	3	66.	6	
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6.11	7.9	11.11	21.0	21.	0	11.11	12.5	8.11	5.5	5.	5	5.	3	5.	5	5.	3	5.	5	4.	8	6.	4	11.	7	
Swedes	cwt.	22.	10	33.	6	26.	10	29.	9	22.	5	25.	9	24.	0	27.	0	35.	2	33.	3	22.	2	38.	6	60.	5	
Runner Beans	lb.	5	6	9	1.	9	1.	6	1.	6	1.	5	1.	3	1.	2	11	1.	2	6	1.	1	1.	7	1.	7		
Peas	lb.	1.	4	1.	8	1.	5	1.	4	1.	6	1.	9	1.	0	1.	2	7	1.	1	1.	0	1.	5	1.	6		
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	6	6	6	11	7	11	7	11	7	
Pumpkin	bag	17.	11	14.	7	15.	11	21.	6	21.	1	22.	5	27.	6	39.	6	44.	5	80.	0	47.	6	25.	6	34.	5	
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18.	6	15.	9	16.	3	23.	3	32.	5	28.	4	21.	6	28.	3	47.	10	40.	6	19.	7	26.	5	27.	0	
Onions (b)	ton	60.	0.0	60.	0.0	60.	0.0	60.	0.0	60.	0.0	52.	10.0	52.	10.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	30.	0.0	35.	0.0	45.	0.0	
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	37.	15.0	

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1960												1961	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
SHEEP	£. s. d.													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0	3.19.11	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6	3. 2. 4	2.17. 7	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2	3.14. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8	3. 8. 1	3. 5. 5	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5	1.19.11	2. 8.11	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	3. 9. 7	3.14.11	3.16.11	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.14. 9	2.17. 3	2. 0.11	2.10. 7	2.14. 0	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	33.18.11	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11	42.15. 2	41. 4. 3	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	
Heifers	-	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0	43.10. 2	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-	-	
Cows	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11	50.16. 5	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	
Steers	51.13. 7	53.17. 9	59.16. 8	53.12. 6	52.13. 4	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	
Bullocks	-	-	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9	60.10.11	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4	6.11. 1	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	
Porkers	11.17.10	11.13. 5	11.19. 4	10.17. 5	11.10. 4	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	
Baconers	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2	16.14. 1	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16.10. 3	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	-	2. 8	2.10	2. 9	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 6	3. 9	-	3. 8	
" Cocks	2. 8	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 7	2. 7	3. 3	3. 8	3. 1	-	
Ducks	-	2. 1	2. 1	2. 3	2. 4	2. 5	2. 6	-	3. 2	3. 8	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	
Drakes	2. 1	2. 1	2. 2	2. 2	2. 4	2. 4	2. 5	2.11	3. 2	3. 9	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	
Geese	-	1. 7	1.10	2. 1	1.10	1. 7	-	-	-	2. 9	2. 9	-	1. 7	
Cockerels	2. 8	2.11	3. 2	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	3. 0	2. 8	2. 7	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	
Capon	2.10	3. 0	3. 4	3. 6	3. 8	3. 2	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2.11	3. 2	2.11	2.11	
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 6	2. 5	2. 5	2. 5	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,824	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,453	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	262	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	172	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	455	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	Not yet available												29,094

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	54.7
1959-60	30.9	11.6	21.3	18.9	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	22.6	181.2	65.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	12.9
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.7	14.6
1960	7.8	3.0	5.2	4.3	6.8	1.2	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.7	17.9
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.0
1959	8.0	2.9	5.5	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.1	16.8
1960	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	51.1	(g)
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.7
1960	7.5	2.8	5.7	5.1	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.4	16.4
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.1
1960	7.9	3.0	5.2	4.4	7.3	1.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	6.3	47.0	17.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	245	302	3,001	3,121
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	5,056	5,171	62,373	56,879
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	94	92	895	752
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,064	1,642	16,602	13,497
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	22,454	22,283	225,597	209,675
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	291	333	2,515	3,218
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	10,943	11,193	112,572	123,836
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	271	416	6,923	5,591
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	266	518	6,071	6,328
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	2,675	3,598	33,772	38,455
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	3	27	126	366
- 2 piece	"	633	840	11,123	10,035
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	4,848	5,396	50,032	44,154
- Work	"	10,883	13,989	91,798	107,883
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	22,683	22,934	388,423	353,380
Slippers	"	4,327	5,622	69,867	88,557
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	882	515	3,230	2,774
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	43,580	18,948	159,182	132,063
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	328	438	4,158	4,120
Butter	"	783	1,017	13,427	12,964
Cheese	"	211	168	2,190	2,591
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	700	843	4,160	4,641
- Sulphuric	ton	19,763	17,813	123,137	118,107
Coal	"	647	54,243	473,867	513,544
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	86,200	74,822	607,587	529,862
Gas Produced	million				
Mattresses - Woven Wire (c)	cub. ft.	101	109	868	828
- Soft Filled	number	747	1,136	(a)	13,525
Motor Vehicle Bodies -	"	2,280	2,218	18,104	20,123
Truck Trays	"	48	32	603	352
Pig Iron	ton	4,382	4,257	31,096	26,181
Superphosphate	"	53,311	46,355	332,713	327,310
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	3,002	2,931	17,382	19,684

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding
beds and stretchers.

(d) Not available for publication.

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